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**Shays Panel to Examine Maritime Security;  
Cruise Ship Passenger Safety Regulations to be Discussed**

(Washington, DC)—Congressman Christopher Shays (CT-4), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, today announced the panel will convene an oversight hearing entitled, *"International Maritime Security II: Law Enforcement, Passenger Security and Incident Investigation on Cruise Ships"*. The hearing will be held Tuesday, March 7, 2006, 2:00 p.m., room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

The purpose of the March 7 hearing is to examine the effectiveness of current regimes governing international maritime security, including law enforcement, passenger security and incident investigation. Invited witnesses include cruise passengers and family members of passengers who were victims of crimes and other incidents aboard ships in international waters.

This is the panel's second hearing regarding maritime security issues. On Tuesday December 13, 2005, the Subcommittee, along with the Government Reform Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources heard testimony from the U.S. Coast Guard, the Department of Defense, the FBI, cruise ship operators and others on threats to ocean-going commerce and jurisdictional conflicts in the event of an incident.

**WITNESSES**

**Panel I**

**Mr. Kendall Carver**  
Phoenix, Arizona

**Mr. Son Michael Pham**  
Bellvue, Washington

**Ms. Deborah Shaffer**  
Tucson, AZ

**Ms. Janet Kelly**  
Cottonwood, Arizona

**Mr. Ira Leonard**  
Hamden, CT

**Panel II**

**Mr. Brett Rivkind**  
Rivkind, Pedraza & Margulies, P.A.

**Mr. Ron Gorsline**  
Owner  
Secure Ocean Service, LLC

**Mr. Lawrence W. Kaye**  
Kaye Rose & Partners, LLP

**Panel III**

**Mr. Charley Mandigo**  
Director, Fleet Security  
Holland America Lines

**Captain William S. Wright**  
Senior Vice President  
Marine Operations  
Royal Caribbean International

accompanied by

**Dr. James Fox**  
Northeastern University  
The Lipman Family Professor of Criminal Justice